



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	AWA Docket No. 12-0296
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JEFFREY W. ASH, an individual doing business	)	
as ASHVILLE GAME FARM; and ASHVILLE	)	
GAME FARM, INC., a New York corporation,	)	
	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.	)	ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)(Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Jeffrey W. Ash is an individual doing business as Ashville Game Farm, also known as Ashville Zoo, and whose address is 468 Lick Springs Road, Greenwich, New York 12834. At all times mentioned in the complaint, respondent Ash was an exhibitor, as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations. Said respondent held AWA license number 21-C-0256 until February 18, 2010, and held AWA license 21-C-0359 from approximately April 2010 until November 18, 2012.

2. Respondent Ashville Game Farm, Inc., is a New York corporation. At all times mentioned in the complaint, said respondent was an exhibitor as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations.

### CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondents having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

### ORDER

1. Respondents Jeffrey W. Ash and Ashville Game Farm, Inc., their agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the Regulations and Standards.

2. Animal Welfare Act license 21-C-0359 is hereby revoked.

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The provisions of this order shall become effective immediately. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

ASHVILLE GAME FARM, INC.  
a New York corporation  
Respondent


  
Jeffrey W. Ash  
Respondent

By 

Jeffrey W. Ash  
Its office

  
Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014

  
Janice K. Bullard  
Administrative Law Judge